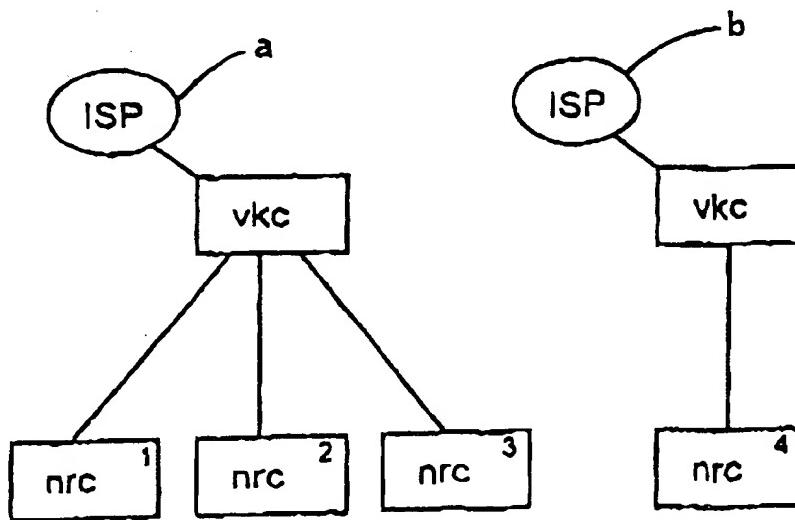


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(57) Abstract

System for coupling the public telephone network to the Internet in which a special number sequence is determined for the Internet Service Providers - ISP - and a specific number from said sequence is assigned to a specific ISP. For the Netherlands in particular a number sequence 067xxx can be used. From every telephone connection, a 067xxx-call can be led to an ISP across the shortest trajectory possible, which is to be judged by the network operator (NO). Per traffic exchange, one access to an ISP is established. All Internet traffic is led from the traffic exchange directly to the accompanying calling point of the ISP, in which said calling point can be coupled to an underlying number exchange as well.

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System for coupling the public telephone network to the Internet

The invention relates to a system for coupling the public telephone network to the Internet.

5 Access to the Internet is provided by so-called Internet Service Providers, indicated hereinbelow as ISP. On strategically chosen locations, they have so-called calling points to which their clients, i.e. the Internet users, can call for gaining access to the Internet. The network operator, indicated hereinbelow as NO, provides the traffic of a user to the ISP. The latter chooses the calling points such that people can contact a calling point from practically every telephone connection at local rates.

For explanation of the usual system we refer to the 15 enclosed Fig. 1 in which "nrc 1 - 4" represent the number telephone exchanges and vkc represent traffic telephone exchanges. The designation ISP was already explained above. Subscribers are connected to a number telephone exchange. There, the registration of the calls takes place, which 20 forms the basis for invoicing. A number telephone exchange covers a limited area, in which the areas do not overlap. The traffic telephone exchanges are for connecting subscribers that are connected to different number telephone exchanges.

25 The dialling code is important for invoicing. A number area is a collection of adjacent telephone exchange areas all having the same dialling code. In the following, for the sake of simplicity it has been assumed that a dialling code area only contains one telephone exchange area. For invoicing, one employs the term basic area. The basic area is the dialling code area of the user plus all immediately adjacent dialling code areas. With the diagram of Fig. 1, it can be assumed, that the area nrc1 is adjacent nrc2 and nrc4. A conversation between nrc3 and nrc4 will be seen as a conversation within the basic area and a conversation between nrc1

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and nrc3 will be seen as a conversation outside the basic area. It is clear that a conversation between nrc3 and nrc4 will be more expensive for the NO than a conversation between nrcl and nrc3. However, this is tolerated. The user 5 only looks at the distance "in a straight line" and for the NO, the shortage of income on the conversations between nrc3 and nrc4 is compensated by the extra profits coming from the conversations between nrcl and nrc3.

However, the latter does not apply to Internet traffic. 10 A calling point of an ISP in nrc3 is called from the areas nrc2, nrc3 and nrc4, but not from nrcl. For the latter, a different calling point has been arranged. In all, an ISP in the Netherlands needs 26 calling points for national coverage.

15 Such a system has a number of disadvantages:

- a) the NO must provide services at a low rate, even if the traffic is handled as interlocal traffic;
 - b) Internet traffic in which the user and the ISP are connected to two different NOS involves much costs and 20 little profits.
 - c) Internet traffic can not be distinguished from the other traffic, as a result of which the trend determination can not be established directly from traffic measurements, which makes network planning for the NO more difficult;
 - d) Internet traffic is difficult to predict and in case of overload or failure of a calling location, a domino effect may occur, as will be explained further;
 - e) it is necessary to have a large number of calling points for obtaining national coverage, this also in the 30 areas where little traffic is to be expected;
 - f) all calling points must have a number of their own and those numbers must be communicated to the users;
 - g) combining the common telephone costs and the Internet costs is very expensive and is therefore hardly applied.
- 35 Said domino effect could arise as follows. A user in

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Almere can gain access to his ISP at a local rate in Lelystad, Amersfoort or Amsterdam.

Now if the calling point Lelystad can not be contacted as result of a failure, a number of users will contact 5 Amersfoort and others will contact Amsterdam. There, this may give rise to difficulties, so that users from Amsterdam or Hoofddorp will contact Haarlem, for example. This causes an extra loading of the network between various telephone exchanges and extra loading at the calling points. This 10 results in the so-called domino effect as a result of which the ISP may become inapproachable and congestion will arise in the telephone exchange.

The object of the invention is to remove the difficulties described above and to that end the invention provides 15 for that a special number sequence is determined for the ISPs and that a specific number from the sequence is assigned to a specific ISP.

For the Netherlands in particular, a number sequence 067xxx can be contemplated.

20 A 067xxx-call can now be led to an ISP across the shortest trajectory possible, which is to be judged by the NO.

In Fig. 2 the system according to the invention is indicated diagrammatically. The employed terms correspond to 25 the ones applied in Fig. 1 so that they need not be explained further. Per vkc, one access to an ISP is established. From the vkc, all Internet traffic is directly led to the calling point of the ISP, which calling point may also be coupled to an underlying number telephone exchange.

30 This provides great advantages for both parties. For the NO: for Internet traffic which was already within the same vkc-area, nothing will change. For traffic which in the existing situation is led from the one vkc to the other, one saves a telephone exchange passage and a connection in 35 the network between the vkc's.

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For the ISP: the number of calling points can be reduced,
e.g. from 26 to 20.

By using the specific number sequence, a calling point
can always be contacted per vkc at a low rate. According to
the present regulations in the Netherlands the sequence
067xxx is destined for "videotext and data services", so
that according to the invention said sequence is most suit-
able for that purpose. The routing tables can now be set
such, that in the areas nrc1, nrc2 and nrc3 the number
067xxx refers to ISP (a) and in the area nrc4 the same
number refers to ISP (b). Invoicing said number is indepen-
dent from the location of ISP (a) or ISP (b).

At the same time, with the system according to the
invention it is achieved, that an ISP requires only one
number which is valid nationwide. Thus, the Internet users
need not remember various numbers for e.g. at home and at
the office. The system according to the invention has the
additional advantage of a nationwide valid rate per ISP,
with all Internet traffic now being easily recognizable, so
that this can be taken into account on dimensioning the
network.

NO and ISP can make an arrangement on how to act in
case of calamities, such as failure of a calling point.
Users can no longer move directly to other calling points
since they have no control over the choice of calling point.
It would be possible to redirect the traffic in a controlled
way behind the scenes. This can be done by both the NO and
the ISP.

On applying the invention, combining the costs of NO
and ISP is possible in a simple way. However, NO can conti-
nue settling up the telephone traffic and ISP can continue
settling up the use of Internet in the usual way. Another
possibility is that NO makes the number available to the
users free of charge and settles up with the ISP. For the
NO, the advantage is in the reduction in invoice lines, a
decreased collection risk and a better use of the network.

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For the ISP it is possible to provide actual unlimited access to the Internet at a slightly higher rate. This further depends on the rates to be paid, for that matter.

In particular for occasional users it can be advantageous that the NO bills both the telephone traffic and the use of Internet. For users who use the Internet for e.g. only an hour per month, a subscription is relatively expensive so that an "open entry" is cheaper. Then one need not check in and subscribe in advance. At the moment, those users are of no interest for the ISP. They are anonymous and the costs of measuring and billing count for little compared to the returns.

It will be obvious that only one possible embodiment of a system according to the invention has been illustrated in the drawing and described above and that many changes can be made without leaving the inventive idea as it is indicated in the enclosed claims.

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1. System for coupling the public telephone network to the Internet, characterized in that a special number sequence is determined for the ISPs and that a specific number from the sequence is assigned to a specific ISP.

2. System according to claim 1, characterized in that a number sequence 067xxx will be used for the Netherlands in particular.

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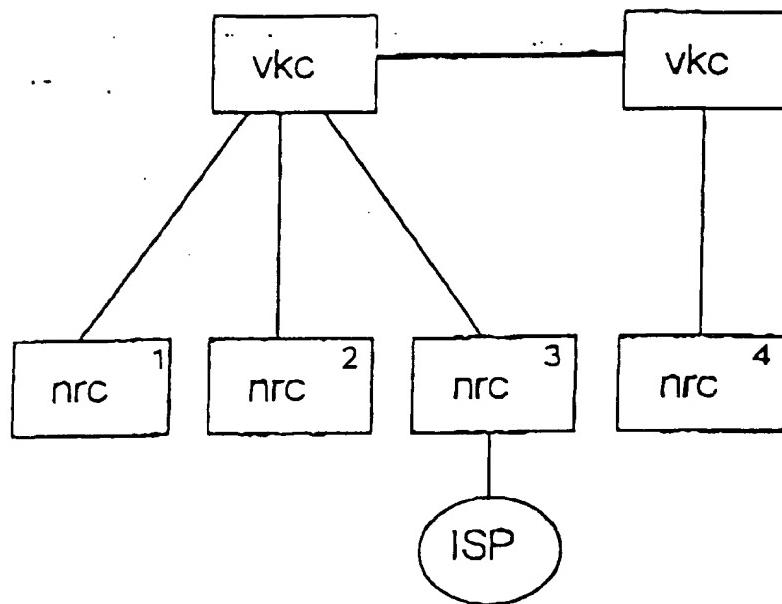
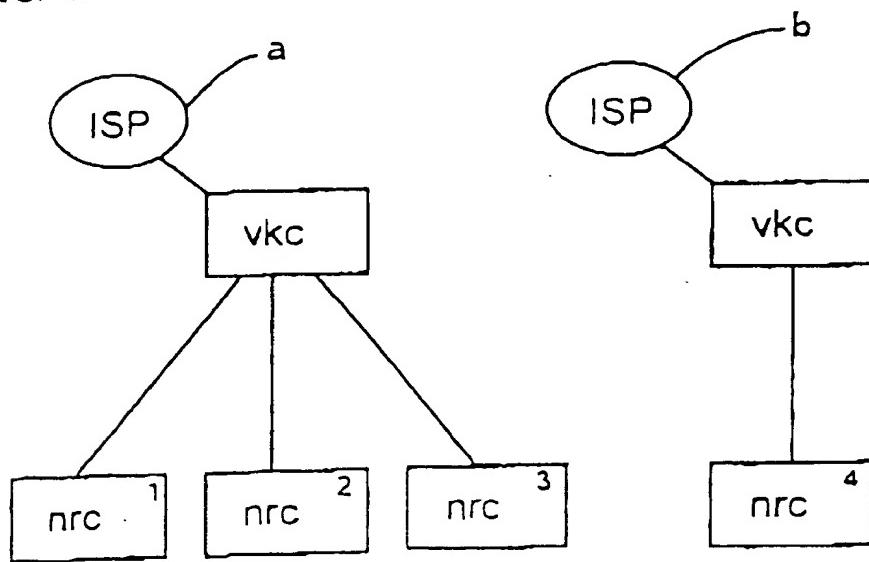


FIG. 2



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PCT/NL99/00054	03 February 1999 (03.02.99)	10 February 1998 (10.02.98)	
Applicant Telematic Holdings Ltd. et al			
Title of the invention Stelsel voor het koppelen van het openbare telefoonnet met het Internet			

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item (2)				
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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (*Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying that designation and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.*)

Box No. VI PRIOR CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/> Further prior claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.		
Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application: regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) (10. 02. 98) February 10, 1998	1008259	The Netherlands		
item (2)				
item (3)				

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office) identified above as item(s): 1

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, it is mandatory to indicate in the Supplemental Box at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)). See Supplemental Box.

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)
(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / The Netherlands

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)

Sept. 17, 1998 SN 30727 The Netherlands

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains the following number of sheets:

request	:	3
description (excluding sequence listing part)	:	5
claims	:	1
abstract	:	1
drawings	:	1
sequence listing part of description	:	
Total number of sheets	:	11

This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. fee calculation sheet to follow
2. separate signed power of attorney to follow
3. copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
4. statement explaining lack of signature
5. priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): English translation
6. translation of international application into (language): to follow
7. separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material
8. nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
9. other (specify): English translation of the application to follow.

Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract: 2

Language of filing of the international application: English Dutch

Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

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For receiving Office use only		2. Drawings: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> received: <input type="checkbox"/> not received:
1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:	03 FEB 1999 (03. 02. 99)	
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:		
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):		
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid.	

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See Notes to the request form

Stelsel voor het koppelen van het openbare telefoonnet met het Internet.

De uitvinding heeft betrekking op een stelsel voor het koppelen van het openbare telefoonnet met het Internet.

5 De toegang tot het Internet wordt verleend door zogenaamde Internet Service Providers, in het nu volgende kortweg aangeduid als ISP. Op strategisch gekozen plaatsen hebben zij zogenaamde inbelpunten waarheen kunnen cliënten, dus de gebruikers van het Internet, kunnen bellen om toegang tot het Internet te verkrijgen. De netwerk operator, in het nu volgende kortweg aangeduid als NO, verzorgt het verkeer van een gebruiker naar de ISP. Deze laatste kiest de inbelpunten zodanig dat het vanaf vrijwel elke telefoon-aansluiting mogelijk is tegen lokaal tarief een inbelpunt 10 te bereiken.
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Ter toelichting van het gebruikelijke stelsel zijn gewezen op de bijgaande fig. 1 waarin met "nrc 1 - 4" de nummercentrales zijn aangeduid en met vkc verkeerscentrales. De benaming ISP is reeds hiervoor toegelicht. Abonnees 20 zijn aangesloten op een nummercentrale. Daar vindt ook de registratie van de gesprekken plaats, die als basis dient voor de fakturering. Een nummercentrale bestrijkt een beperkt gebied waarbij de gebieden elkaar niet overlappen. De verkeerscentrales dienen er toe abonnees die op verschillende nummercentrales zijn aangesloten met elkaar te verbinden.
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Voor het tariferen zijn de netnummers van belang. Een nummergebied is een verzameling onderling aangrenzende centralegebieden, die alle hetzelfde netnummer hebben. In het nu volgende is eenvoudigheidshalve aangenomen, dat een netnummergebied slechts één centralegebied bevat. Voor de tarivering werkt men met het begrip basisgebied. Het basisgebied is het netnummergebied van de gebruiker plus alle direct aangrenzende netnummergebieden. Bij het schema van fig. 1 kan nu worden verondersteld, dat het gebied nrc1 grenst aan nrc2 maar niet aan nrc3 en dat nrc3 grenst aan nrc2 en nrc4. Een gesprek tussen nrc3 en nrc4 zal dan gelden als een gesprek binnen het basisgebied en een gesprek
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tussen nrc1 en nrc3 als een gesprek buiten het basisgebied. Het is duidelijk dat een gesprek tussen nrc3 en nrc4 hogere kosten voor de NO met zich brengt dan een gesprek tussen nrc1 en nrc3. Dit wordt echter geaccepteerd. De gebruiker 5 kijkt slechts naar de afstand "hemelsbreed" en voor de NO wordt het tekort aan inkomsten op de gesprekken tussen nrc3 en nrc4 gecompenseerd door de extra opbrengsten van de gesprekken tussen nrc1 en nrc3.

Dit laatste geldt nu echter niet voor Internet-verkeer. Een inbelpunt van een ISP in nrc3 wordt gebeld vanuit de gebieden nrc2, 3 en 4 maar niet vanuit nrc1. Daarvoor is 10 een ander inbelpunt ingericht. In totaal heeft een ISP in Nederland 26 inbelpunten nodig voor landelijke dekking.

Een dergelijk stelsel heeft een aantal nadelen:

- 15 a) door de NO moeten diensten worden geleverd tegen laag tarief, ook al wordt het verkeer als interlokaal verkeer afgewikkeld;
- b) het Internet-verkeer waarbij de gebruiker en de ISP op twee verschillende NO's zijn aangesloten, brengt veel kosten 20 met zich mee en weinig opbrengsten.
- c) het Internet-verkeer is niet te onderscheiden van het overige verkeer, waardoor de trendbepaling niet direct uit verkeersmetingen kan worden afgeleid, wat voor de NO de netwerkplanning bemoeilijkt;
- 25 d) het Internet-verkeer is moeilijk voorspelbaar en bij overbelasting of uitval van een inbelpunt kan een domino-effect optreden, zoals nog nader zal worden toegelicht;
- e) er is een groot aantal inbelpunten noodzakelijk om landelijke dekking te verkrijgen, en dit ook in die gebieden waar weinig verkeer te verwachten valt;
- 30 f) alle inbelpunten moeten een eigen nummer hebben en die nummers moeten aan de gebruikers worden doorgegeven;
- g) het combineren van de gewone telefoonkosten en de internetkosten is erg duur en wordt daardoor nauwelijks 35 toegepast.

Het genoemde domino-effect kan bijvoorbeeld als volgt ontstaan. Een gebruiker in Almere kan tegen lokaal tarief toegang tot zijn ISP verkrijgen in Lelystad, Amersfoort of Amsterdam.

Internet gebruik maken, is een abonnement relatief duur zodat een "open ingang" goedkoper is. Daarbij behoeft men zich niet van te voren aan te melden en een abonnement te nemen. Voor de ISP zijn deze gebruikers momenteel niet interessant. Zij zijn anoniem en de kosten van meten en faktureren wegen niet op tegen de omzet.

Het zal duidelijk zijn, dat slechts een enkele mogelijke uitvoeringsvorm van een stelsel volgens de uitvinding in de tekening is weergegeven en hierboven beschreven en dat vele wijzigingen kunnen worden aangebracht zonder buiten de uitvindings-gedachte te vallen, zoals deze in bijgaande conclusies is aangegeven.

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C O N C L U S I E S

1. Stelsel voor het koppelen van het openbare telefoonnet met het Internet, met het kenmerk, dat voor ISP's een speciale nummerreeks wordt vastgesteld en dat aan een 5 bepaalde ISP een bepaald nummer uit die reeks wordt toegekend.
2. Stelsel volgens conclusie 1, met het kenmerk, dat in het bijzonder voor Nederland gebruik zal worden gemaakt van een nummerreeks 067xxx.

U I T T R E K S E L

Stelsel voor het koppelen van het openbare telefoonnet met het Internet waarbij voor de Internet Service Providers -ISP's - een speciale nummerreeks wordt vastgesteld en aan 5 een bepaalde ISP een bepaald nummer uit die reeks wordt toegekend. Voor Nederland kan daarbij in het bijzonder gebruik worden gemaakt van een nummerreeks 067xxx. Vanaf iedere telefoonaansluiting kan nu een 067xxx oproep langs de kortst mogelijke weg, dit ter beoordeling van de netwerk 10 operator - NO -, naar een ISP worden geleid. Per verkeerscentrale wordt nu één toegang gecreëerd naar een ISP. Alle Internet-verkeer wordt vanaf de verkeerscentrale direct naar het bijbehorende inbelpunt van de ISP geleid welk inbelpunt overigens ook aan een onderliggende nummercentra- 15 le kan zijn gekoppeld.

Fig. 2.

FIG. 1

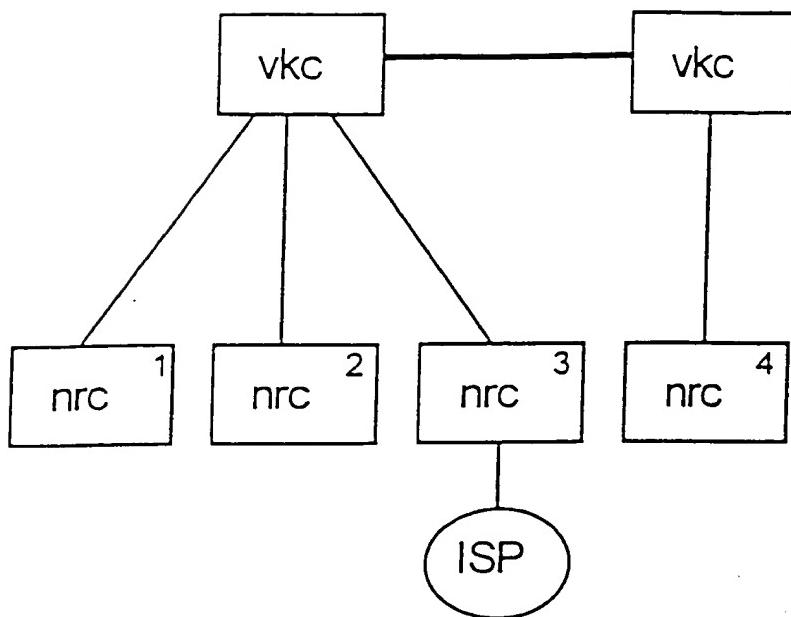
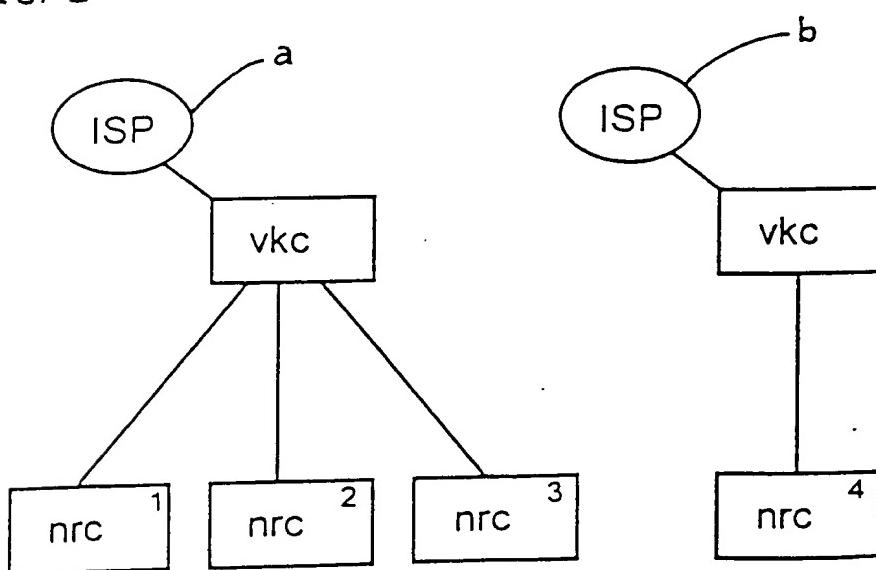


FIG. 2



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**NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION**

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	16/06/1999
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Applicant's or agent's file reference 63468	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/NL 99/ 00054	International filing date (day/month/year)	03/02/1999
Applicant TELEMATICA HOLDINGS LTD et al.		

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
 34, chemin des Colombettes
 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
 Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/s filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the International application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the International application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 63468	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/NL 99/ 00054	International filing date (day/month/year) 03/02/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 10/02/1998
Applicant TELEMATICA HOLDINGS LTD et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
- contained in the international application in written form.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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- None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/NL 99/00054

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 6 H04M3/42 H04Q3/00 H04M15/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 6 H04M

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	HURA G S: "The Internet: global information superhighway for the future" COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS, vol. 20, no. 16, January 1998, page 1412-1430 XP004113222 see page 1421, right-hand column, paragraph 1 ---	1
X	US 5 537 464 A (LEWIS C ALAN ET AL) 16 July 1996 see the whole document ---	1
A	WO 97 29584 A (ERICSSON TELEFON AB L M ;MELEN BJOERN (FI); HYVOENEN MIKA (FI)) 14 August 1997 see abstract ---	1,2 -/--

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	NL 9 201 010 A (ROGER ROY ROGER DE CAMPAGNOLLE) 3 January 1994 see the whole document ---	1,2
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Drawings, sheets:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-2
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-2
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-2
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2. Citations and explanations

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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35 (2) (N,IS,IA)

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D1= US-A-5537464

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1. The independent claim 1 lacks inventive step over the disclosure of document D1 combined with the common general knowledge of the person skilled in the art.

Document D1, which represents the closest prior art discloses, according to the majority of the features of present claim 1, a system (Fig. 1A, 1B), wherein a special number sequence is determined for the Service Providers (SPs) and that a specific number from the sequence is assigned to a specific SP (Abstract; Column 3, lines 40-60).

The system of claim 1 differs from that known from D1 in that the SPs are Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

Although Internet Service Providers are not specifically mentioned in document D1, it refers to the assignment of a special number sequence to Information Providers (Column 1, lines 33-39). Therefore it would be obvious for the skilled person to apply the numbering system of document D1, wherein a certain group of service providers is assigned a certain dialling sequence, to the group of providers which, as service, give access to the Internet in order, for example, to equally treat the calls directed to said group of providers in relation with the billing information.

Claim 1, therefore, does not meet the requirements of Article 33 (3) PCT.

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2. The same objection could have been equally formulated starting from document D2 wherein all the essential features of present claim 1 are disclosed (Page 1421, right column, first paragraph).
3. The dependent claim 2, wherein a specific number sequence is defined, does not contain any subject-matter which, in combination with the subject-matter of claim 1 on which it is dependent, would lead to a claim involving inventive activity (Article 33 (3) PCT).

VII.Certain defects in the international application (form or context)

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CHAPTER II

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A method for connecting the public telephone network to the Internet.

The invention relates to a method for connecting the public telephone network to the Internet, by dialing a 5 number for obtaining a connection.

Such a method is known from the publication: "Computer Communications" XP00413222. On page 1421 - right column - it is remarked: "In the case of a dial-up lines, the number (usually assigned by the computer center for setting up the 10 host) needs to be dialed for connection...."

So it is the Internet Service Provider - ISP -, who decides where its calling points - which can be indicated as POP's: Points of Presence - can be positioned and who will take care for the installation of normal telephone- 15 connections to these PoP's.

In case of the relatively small numbers of incall-connections, as in the early days of the Internet, the public telephone network - (PSTN: Public Switched Telephony Network) - could easily take care for obtaining the desired 20 connection.

This known method, however, has caused serious problems for the public telephone network by the increased number of requested connections with the Internet.

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conversation between nrc3 and nrc4 will be seen as a conver-
35 sation within the basic area and a conversation between nrc1

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C H A P T E R II

R E V I S E D C L A I M S.

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2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that a number sequence 067xxx will be used for the Netherlands in particular.

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